<u>REMARKS</u>

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 11, 2007. Claims 23 to 33 and 36 to 43 are in the application, with Claims 34, 35 and 44 having been cancelled herein. Claims 23, 24, 27, 36 and 41 to 43 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 23 to 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Amendments to the claims are believed to obviate the rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Claim 44 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,421,544 (Sawanda). Claim 44 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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